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The Honorable Martin J. Walsh Secretary Department of Labor 200 Constitution Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20210

## Dear Secretary Walsh:

As Republican Leader on the Committee on Education and Labor, it is my duty to conduct oversight to ensure federal agencies and senior government officials like yourself are being transparent and accountable to taxpayers. Unfortunately, today I must write you again to remind you of your obligation to be transparent.

Yesterday, I read an article discussing your official calendar and lack of attendance in Washington, D.C. from March 2021 through December 2021. As you know, I am deeply concerned about your failure to report to work and about the poor example you are setting for your staff at the Department of Labor (DOL). I have written to you twice expressing those concerns. As part of my inquires, I requested timely updates and publication of your official calendars and those of your top advisors: Deputy Secretary Julie Su and Chief of Staff Daniel Arrigg Koh.

You have provided copies of your calendars for certain members of the press. However, you have a deeper obligation to provide the public access to your calendars. The DOL website that provides this important information only provides your calendars through October 2021, only

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Rebecca Rainey, Walsh Spends Most of Year One in Boston or on Road, Not in DC, BLOOMBERG L., Mar. 31, 2022, https://www.bgov.com/core/news/#!/articles/R9LT5UDWLU6H.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Letter from Rep. Virginia Foxx to Martin J. Walsh, Sec'y. of Lab. (Oct. 18, 2021), <a href="https://republicans-edlabor.house.gov/uploadedfiles/10-18-2021">https://republicans-edlabor.house.gov/uploadedfiles/10-18-2021</a> letter to sec walsh.pdf; letter from Reps. Virginia Foxx & James Comer to Martin J. Walsh, Sec'y. of Lab. (Dec. 21, 2021), <a href="https://republicans-edlabor.house.gov/UploadedFiles/12.21.2021\_Letter\_to\_Sec.\_Walsh.pdf">https://republicans-edlabor.house.gov/UploadedFiles/12.21.2021\_Letter\_to\_Sec.\_Walsh.pdf</a>.

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reports Deputy Secretary Su's first two months in office, and provides no information on Daniel Koh despite the clear precedent of providing the schedules of DOL chiefs of staff.<sup>3</sup>

Members of Congress and the public must be able to review updated official calendars of top government officials. Unfortunately, DOL missed the mark again. Accordingly, I request you immediately update DOL's website to provide the calendars of Deputy Secretary Su and Daniel Koh and yourself through February 2022 and provide updates to these calendars no later than two weeks after the close of each month.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Virginia Foxx Ranking Member

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> DOL-WIDE FOIA LIBRARY, https://www.dol.gov/general/foia/readroom.